Recruitment Notice

- 2011 Southwest Type 1 and 2 Incident Management Teams
- 2011 SW/NR Wildland Fire Management Team

(Closes December 10, 2010)

To: Potential Team Members, Agency Administrators, Fire Management Officers, and Dispatch Offices

From: Southwest Coordinating Group, (SWCG)

Information

The Southwest Geographic Area consists of Arizona, New Mexico, and Federal lands in West Texas and panhandle areas of Oklahoma. The Southwest Area hosts two Type 1, four Type 2 interagency Incident Management Teams (IMTs), and a Wildland Fire Management Team sponsored jointly with the Northern Rockies Geographic Area. This recruitment is for all Southwest Area teams. Agency managers in the Southwest continue to support and appreciate staff participation on these teams.

These teams manage high complexity incidents; the teams usually consist of the most experienced incident management personnel. Although their primary response is wildfire, the teams may respond to all-risk incidents such as hurricanes, floods, or other National emergencies.

Type 1 teams may be called on year round per a national rotation. Type 2 teams typically remain available spring through late summer, and are assigned on a "closest forces" concept in the Southwest, as well as a rotation. Team assignments may be up to 14 days, exclusive of travel, but are often shorter.

All team positions are filled on an annual basis, except Incident Commanders whom have a 3 year tenure. No primary or assigned trainee member of a Southwest team will be on more than one IMT. Qualified individuals from all units and agencies are encouraged to apply provided they are able/willing to fulfill the commitment. Positions that lack nominations by current agency employees may be filled by AD's or contractors. Incomplete applications may be rejected from consideration.

A "shared primary position" requires a pre-established agreement between the IC and individuals willing to share one primary position on one IMT. (An example would be Silver City and Gila IHC's agreeing to share/provide one DIVS for Pierson's IMT2. This ensures that a qualified individual will be available when the IMT is assigned, yet one person may not be able to be committed for the entire season).

For 2011, all SW IMT's should carry a Strategic Operational Planner (SOPL) position to coordinate the development of the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) Response Level 3 (RL3) decision document when implementing a wildland fire management strategy. Individuals who are SOPL qualified, and have other needed team qualifications, are invited to apply. (See Mob Guide for list of regular IMT positions).

Annual Southwest IMT Schedule:

Scheduled Event	Date	Participants	
Nomination Letter to FMOs, Agency Administrators and potential IMT members	November 1, 2010	SWCC/SW Operations Group	
Nominations Due	December 10, 2010	SW IMT Applicants	
IMT selection meeting at SWCC	January 12-13, 2011	SW IC's and SW Operations Group	
IC's notify IMT members and rosters posted on SWCC website	January 14-21, 2011	IC's and SWCC	
Annual SW IMT meeting for all teams	March 1-3, 2011	All IMTs, SWCG, etc. Prescott , AZ	
SW IC and SWCG post fire season After Action Review	Columbus Day week. October 2011	ICs, SWCG, SW Operations Group	

2011 Southwest IMT Availability Periods:

Type Team	Designation	Name of IC	Last Year as IC	Normal Minimum Season
Type 1	Hughes	Dugger Hughes	2011	Year Round
Type 1	Reinarz	Joe Reinarz	2013	Year Round
Type 2	CWZ	Clay Templin	2012	4/1-9/1
Type 2	NAZ	Denny Nelson	2011	5/1-9/10
Type 2	EAZ	John Philbin	2013	3/15-8/15
Type 2	NM	John Pierson	2013	4/1-8/15
Shared WFMT	Wildland Fire Management Team	McBrattney/ Hall	2011	3/1-9/15

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Southwest IMTs. Individuals who would like to be considered as trainees, alternates, or shared primary positions also need to apply. Beginning this year, the application process is electronic. Application instructions can be found on the SWCC website as a supplement to this document.

If you have any questions, please call Gary Kemp at 505-672-3861x550 (Ops Group Chair), Leon Ben at 602-379-6798 (SWCG Chair), or Nancy Moore at 505-842-3473 (SWCC).